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Letter dated 22 January 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, of today's date, from my Prime Minister to Your Excellency.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 22 January 1994 from the Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Secretary-General

Today, while expecting the rotation of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) commanders for Bosnia and Herzegovina, on a day described as "relatively quiet", shells were fired from Serb aggressor posts against the residential area of Alipasino Polje, six children being murdered while doctors are still trying to save the lives of another four wounded children. The oldest among the casualties was born in 1981.

This massacre humiliates the international community, it mocks the dignity of the United Nations and makes pointless and futile all our enormous efforts to achieve peace through the talks. Our children are being killed but, this time again, their blood was spilled over the face of the UNPROFOR mission, which was incapable of protecting innocent children playing in the snow. How many times we have heard the United Nations claiming that they would not allow the "strangling of Sarajevo?" The murdered children were playing within the "safe area", on an urban street only 200 metres away from UNPROFOR headquarters. The Serbian aggressor "welcomed" the rotation of the UNPROFOR commanders for Bosnia and Herzegovina by taking the most tragic toll - our children. What else should happen in Sarajevo to incite the mechanism that would lead to the implementation of United Nations resolutions?

We request you, in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions as well as with the conclusions of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), to demand air strikes against the aggressor posts around Sarajevo.

Haris SILAJDZIĆ
Prime Minister